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Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capital Mall Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814 Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (STANCOG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

3 State, Local and Transit Elements

Adds or modifies various projects in Stanislaus County. The projects include funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program, Safe Route to Schools (SR2S) program, and Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 and 5309 programs.

This amendment aligns STANCOG's STIP programming in the FTIP with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted STIP.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

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The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the STANCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The STANCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Rachel Falsetti of my staff, at (916) 654-1983.

Sincerely,

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Vince Angelino - Stanislaus Council of Governments Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans